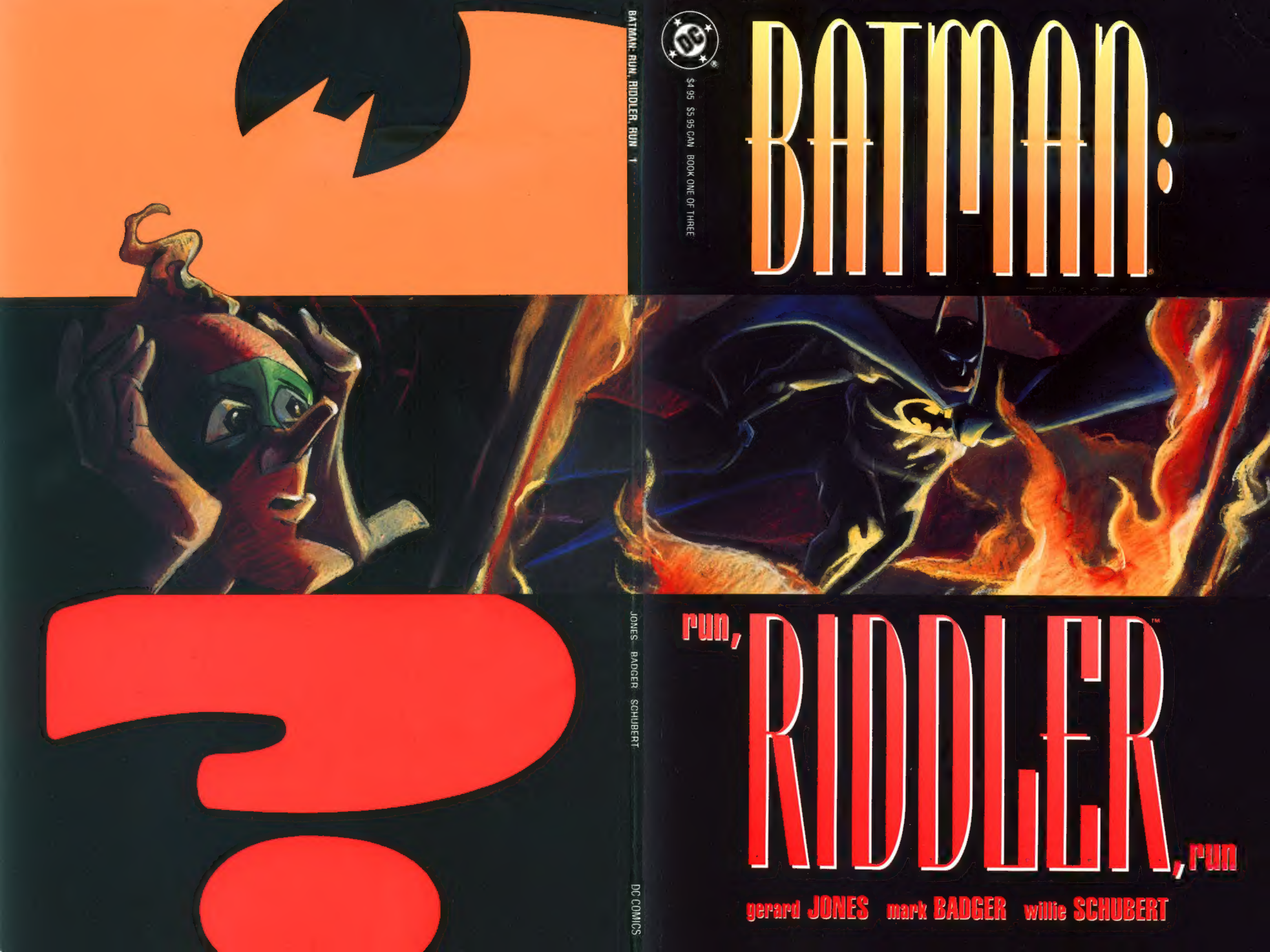
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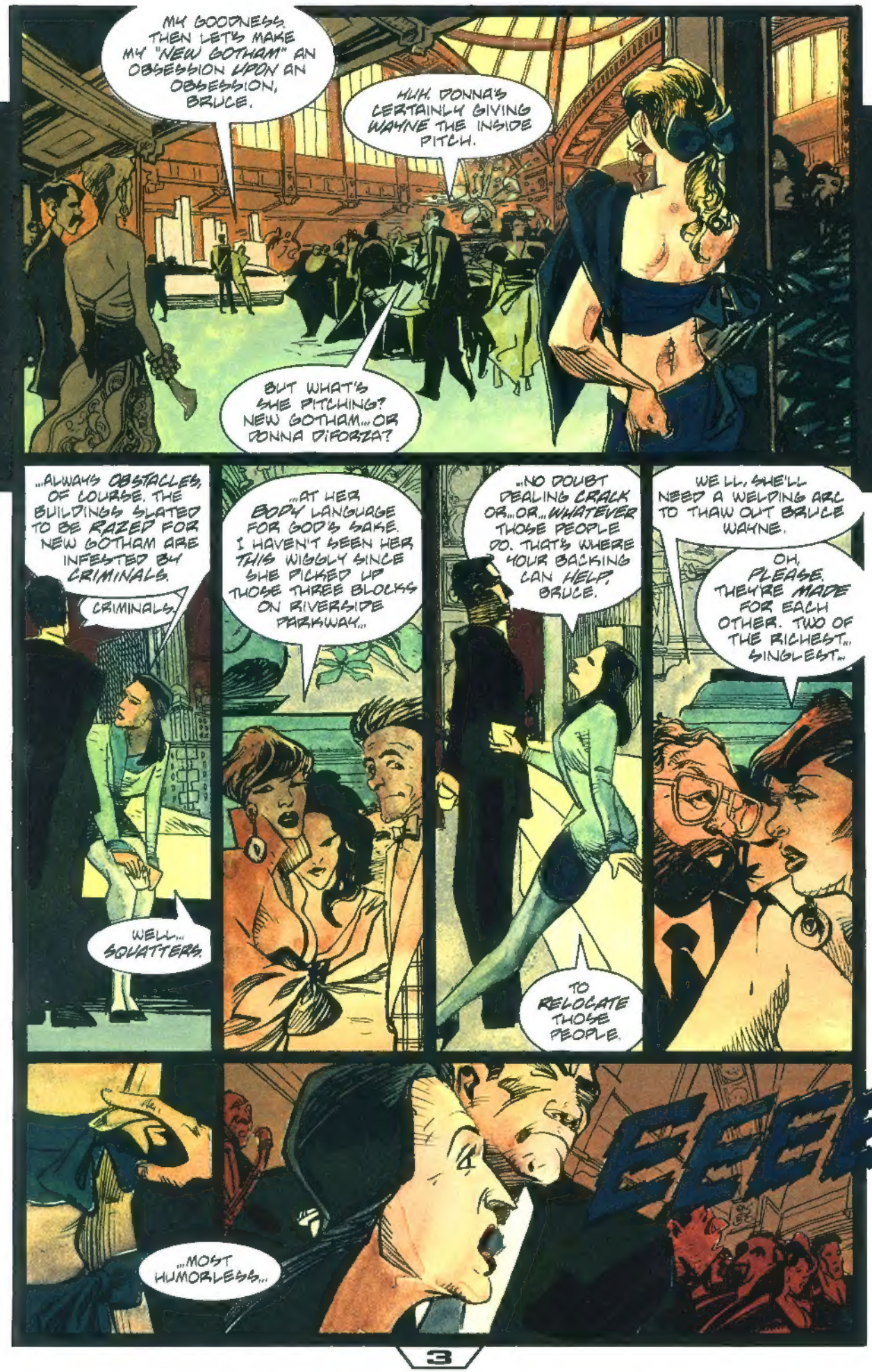
the road to HELL

WELL, WELL, WELL...
DID I JUST PUSH ONE OF BRUCE'S BUTTONS?
LET'S JUST SAY YOU CAN COUNT WAYNE FOUNDATION IN, MS. DIFORZA.
DONNA.
AND I'M THRILLED. I BELIEVE PEOPLE IN OUR STATION SHOULD USE OUR RESOURCES TO HELP THE... THE LITTLE PEOPLE, YOU KNOW?
IT SEEMS LIKE EVERY MALE DEVELOPER AT MY LEVEL SPENDS HIS MONEY COLLECTING BASEBALL TEAMS AND AGING COVER GIRLS.
NEITHER IS AMONG MY OBSESSIONS... DONNA.
OH? AND... UH... JUST WHAT ARE BRUCE'S OBSESSIONS?
GOTHAM CITY.


MY GOODNESS. THEN LET'S MAKE MY "NEW GOTHAM" AN OBSESSION UPON AN OBSESSION, BRUCE.
HUH. DONNA'S CERTAINLY GIVING WAYNE THE INSIDE PITCH.
BUT WHAT'S SHE PITCHING? NEW GOTHAM... OR DONNA DIFORZA?
...ALWAYS OBSTACLES, OF COURSE. THE BUILDINGS SLATED TO BE RAZED FOR NEW GOTHAM ARE INFESTED BY CRIMINALS.
CRIMINALS
WELL... SQUATTERS.
...AT HER BODY LANGUAGE FOR GOD'S SAKE. I HAVEN'T SEEN HER THIS WIGGLY SINCE SHE PICKED UP THOSE THREE BLOCKS ON RIVERSIDE PARKWAY...
...NO DOUBT DEALING CRACK OR...OR...WHATEVER THOSE PEOPLE DO. THAT'S WHERE YOUR BACKING CAN HELP, BRUCE.
TO RELOCATE THOSE PEOPLE.
WELL, SHE'LL NEED A WELDING ARC TO THAW OUT BRUCE WAYNE.
OH, PLEASE. THEY'RE MADE FOR EACH OTHER. TWO OF THE RICHEST... SINGLEST...
...MOST HUMORLESS...
EEEE

AH. GOT IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME.
THE BOW THAT HELD UP ALL THE OTHERS.
I NEVER COULD RESIST A PUZZLE, YOU KNOW.
HMPH. THIS IS A QUIET BUNCH.
AND WHAT DO YOU CALL A PARTY WHERE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS ANYTHING... STAYS SILENT?
RIDDLER!
WHAT... DO YOU THINK YOU ARE...

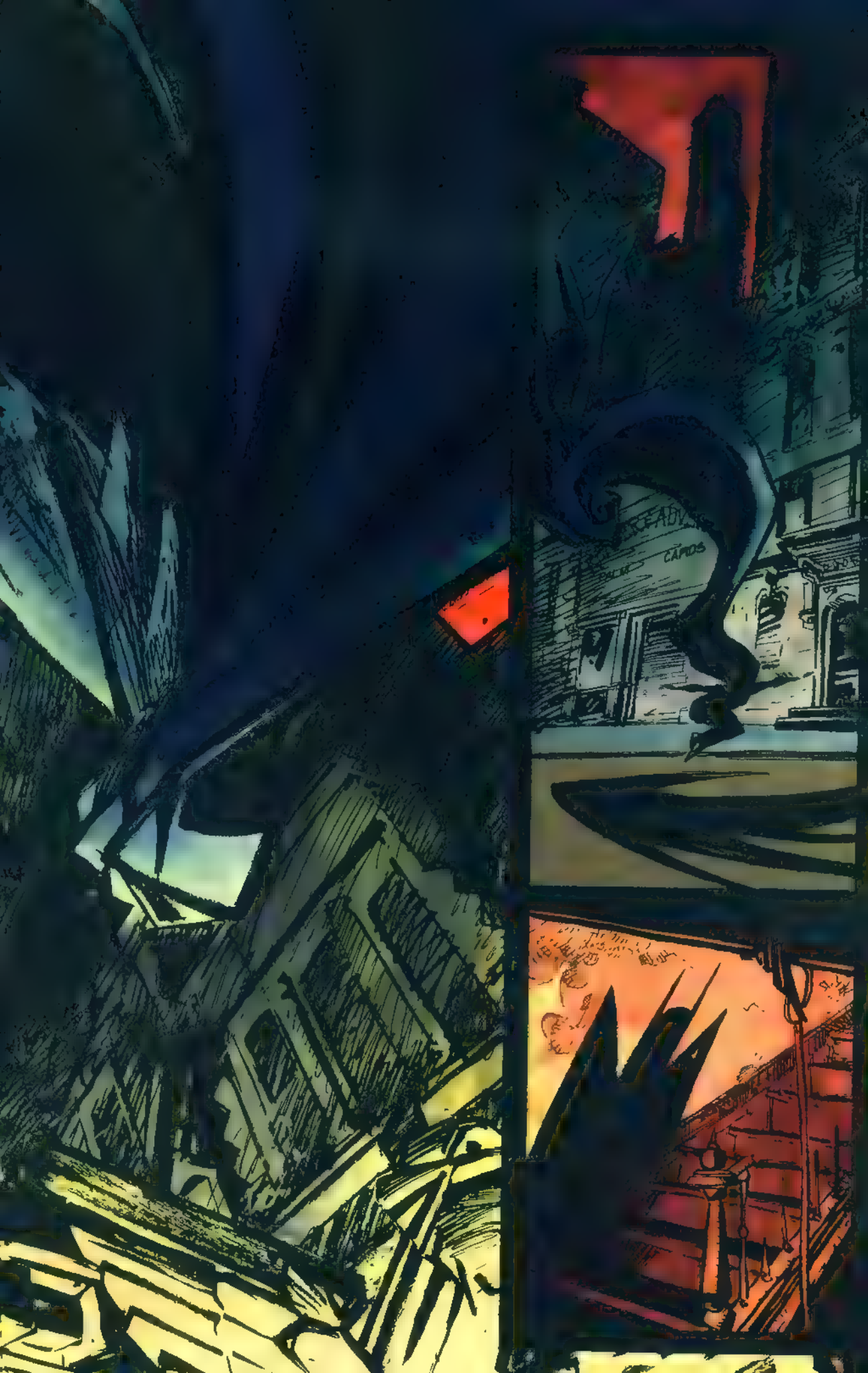
BUT MIZ D! YOU HIRED ME TO FIND SECURITY LEAKS AMONG YOUR ENGINEERING SUBCONTRACTORS..
ALL RIGHT.
...AND I THOUGHT I COULD ADD A BRIGHT NOTE TO YOUR FUND-RAISING PARTY.
THANK YOU. YOU CAN GO NOW.
AH. I SEE. WE DON'T WANT TO UPSET THE GENTLEMAN.
BEWARE OF KEEPING THINGS IN THE DARK, MS. D. YOU'LL NEVER KNOW THEY'RE ROTTEN UNTIL THEY STINK.
RIDDLER. GO.
OH, YOU ARE TENSE, AREN'T YOU, SIR? WHAT IS IT? YOU DON'T LIKE PEOPLE...
...IN COSTUMES?
RIDDLER!
WELL, I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY AND PROFITABLE TIME. BUT YOU STILL HAVEN'T ANSWERED MY RIDDLE, HAVE YOU?
IT'S A CHARADE, YOU SILLIES! A CHARADE, WHERE ONLY THE SILENT ARE WISE!
KRAK

BRUCE?
YOUR HAND!
LET ME GET SOMETHING...
WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU... HIRED HIM.
AS A SECURITY CONSULTANT.
OH, YOU POOR THING...
HE'S ON PAROLE, AND I THOUGHT... WELL... WHO'D KNOW SECURITY BETTER THAN A REFORMED MASTER THIEF?
REFORMED.
WELL, HE... BRUCE? THIS HAS REALLY UPSET YOU. WILL THIS WEAKEN YOUR SUPPORT FOR--
NO.
I JUST HAVE A PROBLEM...
...WITH CRIMINALS.
DOWN FROM THE TOWER.

DOWN TO THE RIVERBEDS OF HEADLIGHT GOLD WHERE THE REAL CITY SWARMS.
BOND
DOWN TO THE OZONE STINK OF THE SUBWAY GRATES AND THE RABBIT PUNCH OF THE BOOM-BOX BEAT.
WEST TOWARD THE RIVER, WHERE THE BUILDINGS GET LOWER, THE ALLEYS NARROWER. THE SMELLS STRONGER.
THE FACES DARKER. THE ACCENTS THICKER.
AH DOSE SHOES CUMFTUBBLE? MINE'S AWFUL...
DOWN WHERE THE SUMMER HEAT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU CHAT ABOUT. IT'S SOMETHING YOU FIGHT EVERY STEP.
I DON'T HAVE IT, OKAY? WHADDYA, YA WANT MY BLOOD?
DOWN TO THE REAL CITY.
GOTHAM CITY.

MY CITY.

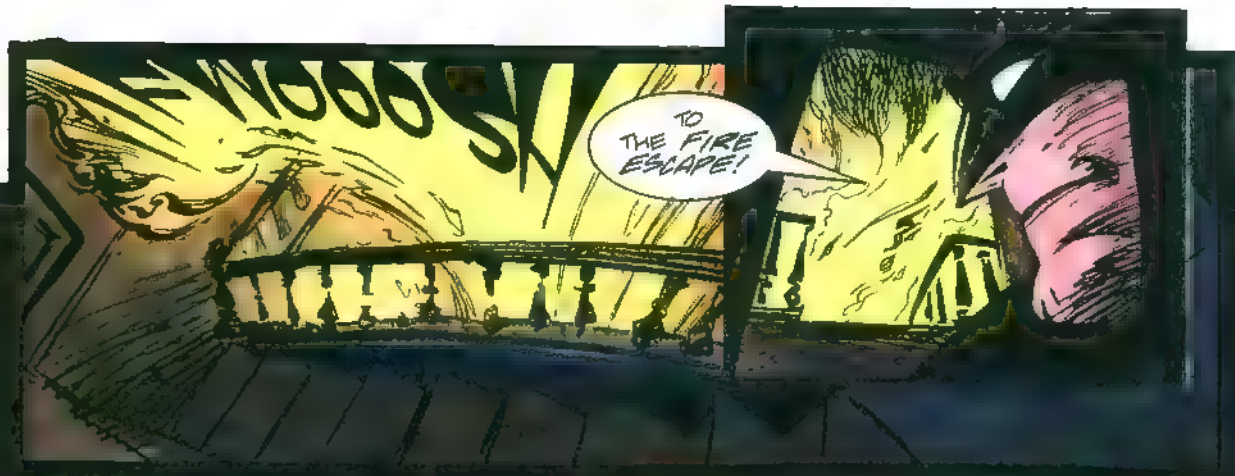
MY CITY.


CAPOS

MAMA, I'M THIRSTY. I WAN' A...
MOM-MOM!!!
MAMA, THERE'S A MONSTER! THERE'S A MONSTER!
HUSH NOW, BOY.
AIN'T NO MONSTERS, EXCEPT WHAT WORKS IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.
BUT HIS EARS, MAMA; HIS EARS!
NOW, HONEY, WHY WOULD ANYBODY BE AFRAID OF...
MLN
...EARS.
THESE BUILDINGS ARE CONDEMNED.

BY SQUATTING HERE YOU ARE BREAKING THE LAW.
WHOSE LAW?
THAT ALONE MAKES YOU CRIMINALS. THAT ALONE...
MAN, I'LL TELL YOU WHO THE CRIMINALS--
HEY, EASY, HOMEY-- DON'T FIGHT THIS GUY. WE NEED BOB.
BOB!
BOB!
BOB!!
YEAH. I HEAR YOU.
C'MERE, MARTI. STOP SQUIRMING.
(DINZ)
YOU'RE... BOB?
ROBERTA CIFLENTES. AND I'M ALWAYS AMAZED HOW NERVOUS I MAKE BIG, STRONG MEN WITH A LITTLE NAME LIKE BOB.
NOW, WHAT DO YOU WANT? THE LEGENDARY HERO, HE'S DOING EVICTIONS FOR THE BIG LANDLORDS NOW, EH?
DON'T PLAY GAMES WITH ME. THERE ARE REPORTS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY HERE. DRUG DEALERS... AND DRUG LABS.
OKAY, MAN OKAY. YOU GOT US.
YEAH, WE'RE MAKING SOME REAL POTENT STUFF HERE.

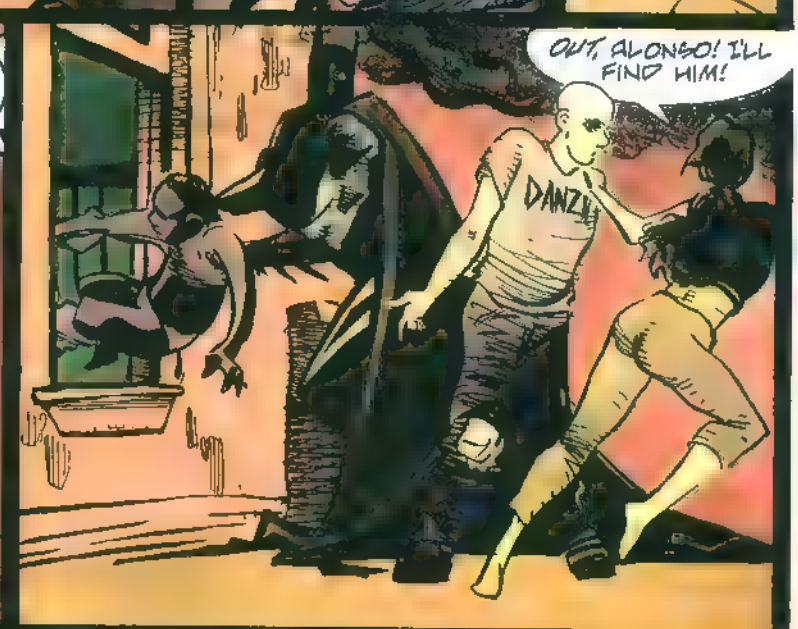
ARROZ CON POLLO, MAN. PUERTO RICAN CHICKEN.
YOU GOT TIME TO JOIN US?
I DIDN'T COME HERE... FOR DINNER. I CAME...
I KNOW. REPORTS.
WELL, YOU CAN PAY FOR A REPORT THAT SAYS ANYTHING-- IF YOU WANT THE PEOPLE OUT BAD ENOUGH.
THESE BUILDINGS... ARE CONDEMNED.
WE DON'T GIVE UP ON OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WHY DO THEY?
THIS COMMUNITY'S SICK--BUT NOT DEAD. A LOT OF US HERE, WE REHABILITATED OURSELVES. WHY CAN'T WE DO THE SAME WITH A BUNCH OF BUILDINGS?
BECAUSE IT'S NOT CLEAN? BECAUSE IT'S NOT MODERN?
OR BECAUSE WE'RE NOT WHITE?
A CRIME IS A CRIME AND THESE BUILDINGS ARE...
WAIT.
THAT SOUND.
NO.
THEY REALLY DID IT!
THEY BOMBED US.
KA-BOOM


WOOOOSH
TO THE FIRE ESCAPE!

GET EVERYBODY! GET THEM OUT!

SHONDRA--GO! WE'LL GET THE KIDS. WE'LL GET--
BOB!

BOB, IT'S HASSAN, MAN! I CAN'T FIND HIM!
OH, GOD--


OUT, ALONSO! I'LL FIND HIM!
DANZI

MS. CIFUENTES!
OH GOD-- hhukh--WHERE DO I--
--Guhh?
FWOOOSH
HASSAN! HANG ON, MAN. I'M--*ungh*--I'M--
I ADMIRE YOUR GUTS...
...BUT NOT YOUR SHOULDERS. LET ME.
WHAK
HEY!
HOW DID THAT..WHERE DID HE..

FORGET IT THE FLOOR--
--IS GIVING.
GO LIMP
KKREEEEEEAAK
NOW--
WAIT!
WE CAN'T NOW--
NO! WAIT!
LOOK!!

REMAIN CALM...
...MEDICAL AID WILL FOLLOW.
WHO ARE YOU?
ALL INHABITANTS OF THE BUILDING ARE ACCOUNTED FOR.
ANSWER ME!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
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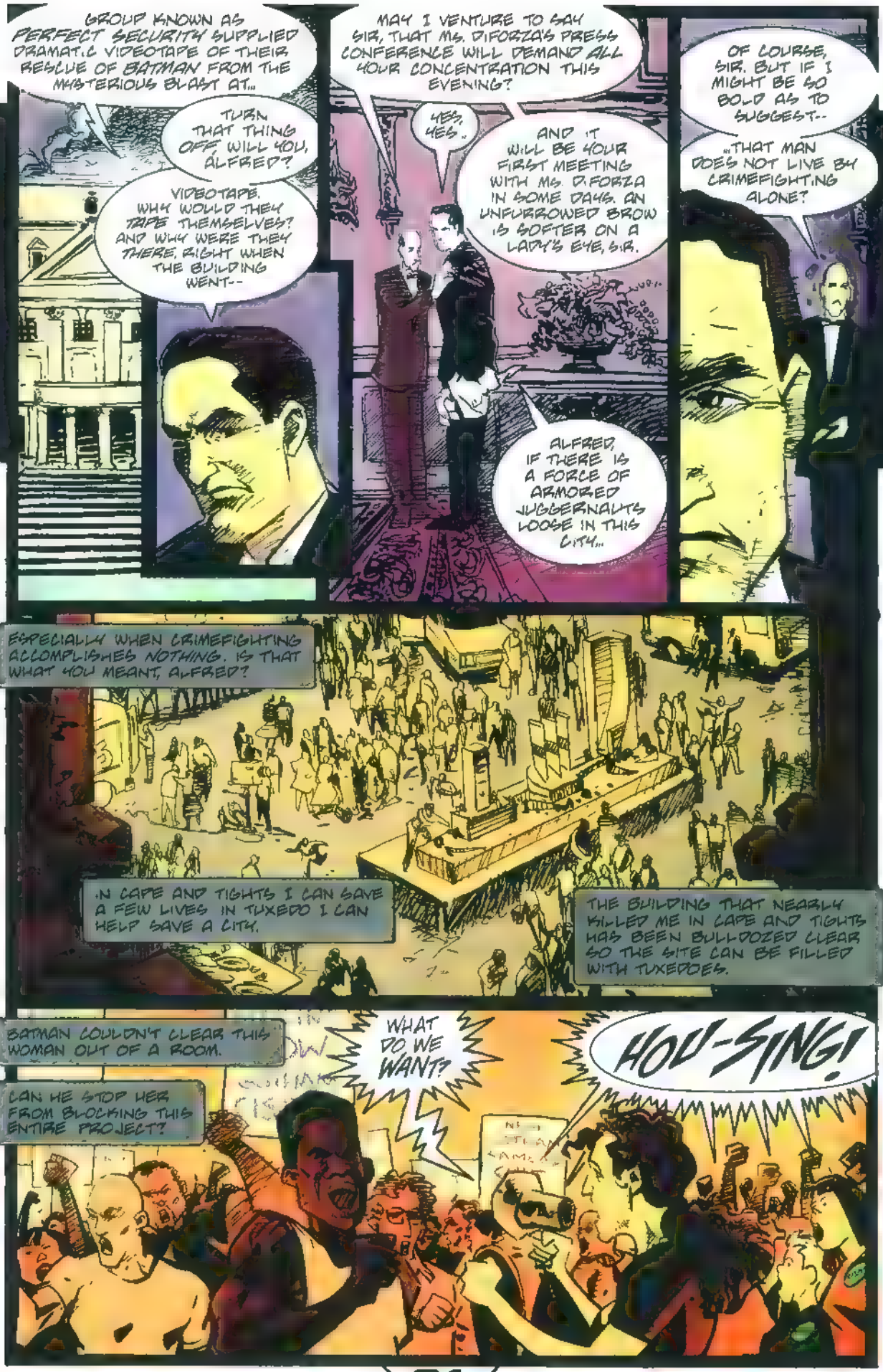
SHARKS?!
RIDDLER, I'M PAYING YOU TO CREATE A SECURITY SYSTEM!
OH, BUT I HAVE! I CALL IT...
...IT'S FEEDING TIME!
...AND BECAUSE OF THE SPEED OF THE RAMPS, HE HAS ONLY SECONDS TO PUZZLE OUT THE ANSWER...
...THE RIDDLE OF THE RAMPS!" A NETWORK OF SLIDING, INTERLOCKING PATHWAYS. SHOULD OUR INTRUDER PICK THE WRONG ONE...
...AND SURVIVE TO ENTER MY NEXT TRAP!
YOUR...
...NEXT...
...TRAP

THERE SHOULDN'T BE A NEXT TRAP, DAMN IT! GIVE ME ONE SECURITY DEVICE...THAT STOPS EVERYONE!
BUT... BUT WHAT FUN WOULD THAT BE?
THE WHOLE POINT OF THE GAME IS TO OUTSMART THE COMPETITION...WITH THE DANGER THAT THEY'LL OUTSMART YOU!
OH, THAT'S FINE.
EXCEPT THIS ISN'T A GAME!
THIS IS A CORPORATION ON THE VERGE OF A LANDMARK DEAL THAT WILL TRANSFORM THIS CITY AND PUSH ME TO THE FOREFRONT OF--
AH, MIZ D, MIZ D. YOU MISS THE POINT, DON'T YOU? THE CORPORATIONS, THE CITIES...THE POWER...
...IT'S ALL A GAME.
NOW, LOOK WHAT I HAVE IN MIND FOR YOUR PRIVATE ELEVATOR SHAFT.
NO!
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME AND MONEY ON THIS LUNACY! EITHER THESE GAMES GO OR YOU GO...
...WITH A VERY BAD REPORT TO YOUR PAROLE OFFICER.
Hmph.
HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE GIRL WHO CUT OFF HER SISTER'S HEAD SO SHE COULD BE THE TALLEST IN THE FAMILY, MIZ D?
PITY SHE FORGOT THAT THEY WERE SIAMESE TWINS.
SAVE ME THE NONSENSE, RIDDLER.
I ALWAYS SAVE MY NONSENSE FOR YOU, MIZ D. I'D HATE FOR YOU TO RUN OUT!
SHARKS.
WHAT DO YOU DO WITH SHARKS? IF I DUMP THEM THE ANIMAL RIGHTS NUTS WILL SKIN ME. DO ZOOS TAKE SHARKS?
DAMN.

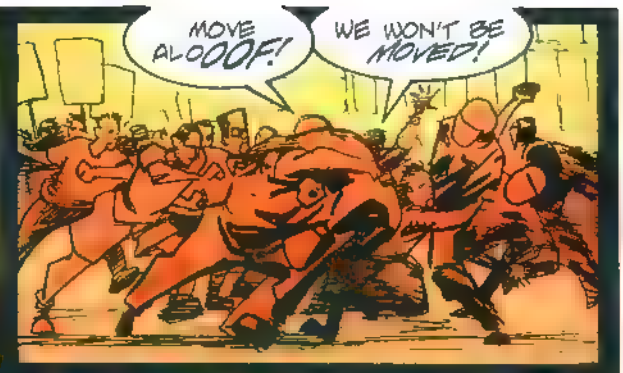
GOD. SO MANY WEAK SPOTS...SO MANY SKELETONS TO KEEP BURIED.
OH.
HE IS A DANGER. HE ATTRACTS ATTENTION. BATMAN WAS INVESTIGATING OUR SITE.
BUT IF I CAN JUST GET IT BUILT... THEN THEY CAN ASK WHAT THEY WANT IT'LL BE THERE AND THEY'LL SEE THAT EVERYTHING IS...
JUSTIFIED
CKZZT CKZZT
FRITZ, WHO ELSE BUT THE RIDDLER COULD HAVE PROCURED THE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR COMPETITORS THAT...
HE IS MAD! WE HAVE TO ASSIGN A MAN TO HIM DURING HIS "PROCURING"... JUST TO PICK UP THE RIDDLES HE LEAVES AT THE SCENE!
AND HE IS TOO CURIOUS ABOUT YOU. ABOUT ME. HE MUST BE REMOVED.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR OPINION. NOW WHY DON'T YOU LEAVE PERSONNEL DECISIONS TO ME?
AND WHY DO YOU NOT LEAVE SECURITY DECISIONS TO ME? I HAVE SEEN FAR GREATER POWERS THAN YOU DESTROYED BY SMALL WEAKNESSES.
CKZZT CKZZ
DESTROYED WHEN THEY WOULD NOT LISTEN TO ME.


GROUP KNOWN AS PERFECT SECURITY SUPPLIED DRAMATIC VIDEOTAPE OF THEIR RESCUE OF BATMAN FROM THE MYSTERIOUS BLAST AT...
TURN THAT THING OFF, WILL YOU, ALFRED?
VIDEOTAPE. WHY WOULD THEY TAPE THEMSELVES? AND WHY WERE THEY THERE, RIGHT WHEN THE BUILDING WENT--
MAY I VENTURE TO SAY SIR, THAT MS. DIFORZA'S PRESS CONFERENCE WILL DEMAND ALL YOUR CONCENTRATION THIS EVENING?
YES, YES..
AND IT WILL BE YOUR FIRST MEETING WITH MS. DIFORZA IN SOME DAYS. AN UNFURROWED BROW IS SOFTER ON A LADY'S EYE, SIR.
ALFRED, IF THERE IS A FORCE OF ARMORED JUGGERNAUTS LOOSE IN THIS CITY...
OF COURSE, SIR. BUT IF I MIGHT BE SO BOLD AS TO SUGGEST--
...THAT MAN DOES NOT LIVE BY CRIMEFIGHTING ALONE?
ESPECIALLY WHEN CRIMEFIGHTING ACCOMPLISHES NOTHING. IS THAT WHAT YOU MEANT, ALFRED?
IN CAPE AND TIGHTS I CAN SAVE A FEW LIVES. IN TUXEDO I CAN HELP SAVE A CITY.
THE BUILDING THAT NEARLY KILLED ME IN CAPE AND TIGHTS HAS BEEN BULLDOZED CLEAR SO THE SITE CAN BE FILLED WITH TUXEDOES.
BATMAN COULDN'T CLEAR THIS WOMAN OUT OF A ROOM.
CAN HE STOP HER FROM BLOCKING THIS ENTIRE PROJECT?
WHAT DO WE WANT?
HOU-SING!

BACK TO YOUR TOWER, DIFORZA!
HOUSING FROM GOTHAM TO SAN SALVADOR
GOTHAM CISTERS
IGNORE YUPPIES NOT HOMELESS
5th ST SHELTER
HOUSING NOW
COALITION FOR SURVIVAL
MISTER MAYOR, YOU KNOW BRUCE WAYNE...
MY MEN WILL KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL, SIR.
OF COURSE, OF COURSE. SORRY WE COULDN'T MAKE THIS A HAPPIER EVENT, BRUCE...
THEY'D BETTER, GORDON. HA HA- CITY'S GOT A BIG INTEREST IN THIS PROJECT. DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYTHING--
BRUCE! OH, THANK GOODNESS!
I NEED ALL THE MORAL SUPPORT I CAN GET. THESE PEOPLE! DON'T THEY KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING IS FOR THEM, TOO?
BACK TO YOUR TOW-WAHH!
MOVE THESE PEOPLE BACK, GORDON
BUT--
MS. DIFORZA'S GETTING NERVOUS, SO MOVE 'EM!
EVIDENTLY THEY DON'T, DONNA. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD HELP THEM UNDERSTAND.
AND CAN BATMAN DO THAT?

CAN YOU CONVEY THIS MESSAGE... WITH FISTS AND BATARANGS?
I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE AFRAID OF LOSING HOUSING BUT A PORTION OF NEW GOTHAM WILL BE PROTECTED FROM CONDO-IZATION TO ASSURE HOUSING FOR EVERYONE.
...THEN LET US THINK OF THIS NOT AS A DEVELOPMENT...BUT A BIRTH. THE BIRTH OF A NEW COMMUNITY.
EVERYONE WILLING TO WORK IN NEW GOTHAM'S RETAIL HUB...TO ABIDE BY COMMUNITY RULES...
...AND TO LIVE A CONSTRUCTIVE LIFESTYLE ACCORDING TO NEW GOTHAM STANDARDS!
DYKES FOR FAIR HOUSING
HOUSING NOW
COALITION FOR SURVIVAL OF ALL PEOPLE
HELLUVA PROJECT, ISN'T IT, WAYNE? HELLUVA WOMAN BEHIND IT.
SO EVERYONE TELLS ME.
AND WHAT COULD BATMAN DO WITH A WOMAN LIKE HER?

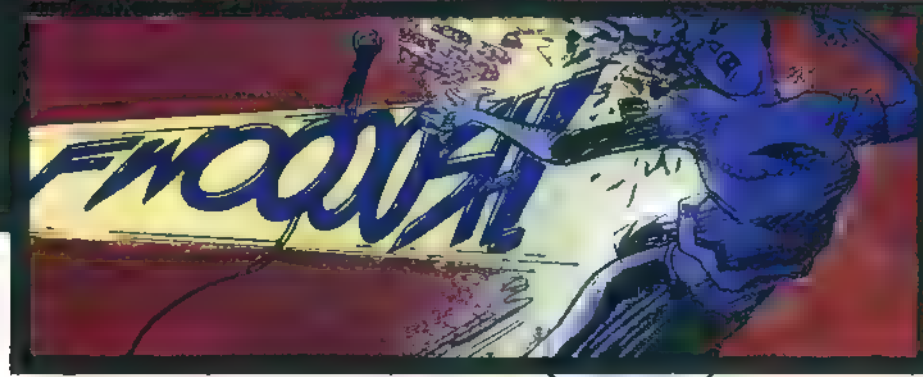
WE WON'T BE MOVED!
MOVE ALONG, LADY. WE GOT OUR ORDERS.


MOVE ALOOOF!
WE WON'T BE MOVED!

THEY CAN'T PRETEND WE'RE NOT HERE! SHE WANTS A TV SHOW--

OH...DEAR GOD..
--WE'LL GIVE HER A SHOW!

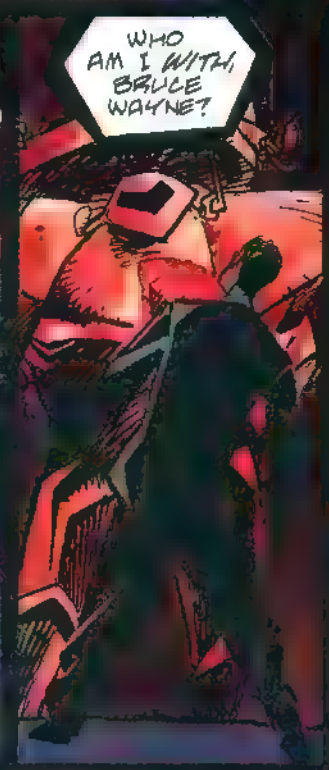
YOU BLOW UP OUR BUILDINGS-- YOU LEVEL OUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO TALK ABOUT HOUSING--
--SO LET US TELL YOU ABOUT HOUSING!


FWOOSH!

NOT AGAIN.

YOU WERE TOLD TO DISPERSE!
STOP IT.

STOP! YOU DON'T NEED THIS MUCH FORCE!
WHO ARE YOU WITH, ANYWAY?


WHO AM I WITH, BRUCE WAYNE?

I AM WITH DONNA DIFORZA. AND JUST WHO ARE YOU... WITH?

BRUCE!

DONNA?
DONNA!
"MY KNIGHT IN SHINING TUXEDO."

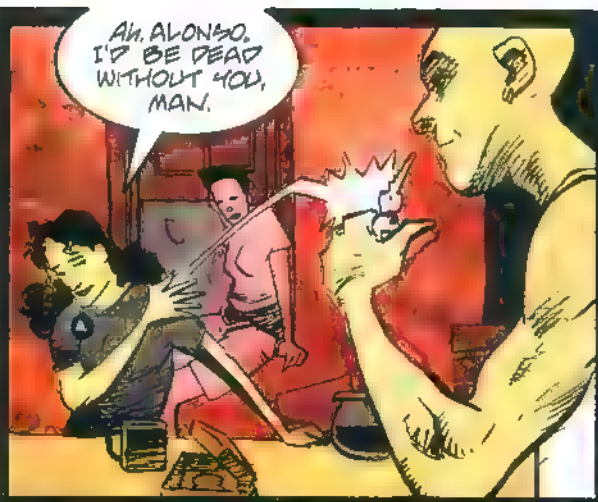
WATCHING YOU CHARGING TO MY RESCUE LIKE THAT, BRUCE... IT WAS LIKE ONE OF MY PREP-SCHOOL DREAMS COME TRUE.
I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN, DONNA... WHY DID YOU HIRE HIM?
OH, BRUCE, BRUCE...
A WOMAN IN MY BUSINESS NEEDS SECURITY. YOU SAW THAT. AND FRIEDRICH OLMSTEDT IS THE BEST.
HE DEVELOPED THAT ELECTRONIC ARMOR HIMSELF. HE'S RECRUITED OPERATIVES WORLD-WIDE. HE HAS NINJAS IN HIS GROUP, BRUCE. REAL NINJAS. FROM JAPAN.
HE WAS THE MOST RESPECTED GOVERNMENT SECURITY OPERATIVE IN ALL OF... OF GERMANY
"ALL OF... OF GERMANY." WHICH GERMANY?
DONNA?
ALL RIGHT. SO IT WAS EAST GERMANY. SO HE WAS A TOP OPERATIVE FOR STASI.
BUT WHEN THE COMMUNISTS FELL, HE FLED THE COUNTRY... AND HE CONVERTED. HE DID
HE STILL BELIEVES THAT A SOCIETY NEEDS CENTRAL PLANNING TO TAKE CARE OF ITS PEOPLE.
BUT HE NOW KNOWS THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD BE DOING THAT PLANNING, NOT AN OPPRESSIVE GOVERNMENT.
NOW, DON'T YOU THINK I SHOULD GIVE A CHANCE TO A MAN LIKE THAT? SHOULD PROVE THAT THE CORPORATE WORLD IS AS GRAND AS HE THINKS?
DONNA, YOUR INTENTIONS ARE ALWAYS IMPECCABLE...

...BUT INTENTIONS WON'T MATTER IF YOU CAN'T CONTROL HIM.
CONTROL HIM?
OF COURSE I CAN CONTROL HIM! OH, I'LL ADMIT HE GOT A LITTLE OUT OF HAND WITH THOSE DEMONSTRATORS...
...BUT WHO WOULDN'T? THOSE PUBLICITY HOGS... TRYING TO STOP A PROJECT THAT'LL DO SO MUCH GOOD FOR... FOR THEIR OWN KIND. I CAN'T--
I WON'T ARGUE THAT, DONNA. BUT IF "PERFECT SECURITY" ISN'T--
OH, FOR GOD'S SAKE, BRUCE!
DO YOU THINK I BROUGHT YOU TO MY TOWER TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES?
SORRY, DONNA. BUT WHEN GOTHAM CITY IS--
DON'T YOU EVER PLAY, BRUCE?
NOW, DONNA, REALLY--
YOU KNOW I DIDN'T BRING A SWIM-SUIT.
I KNOW!
uh-huh

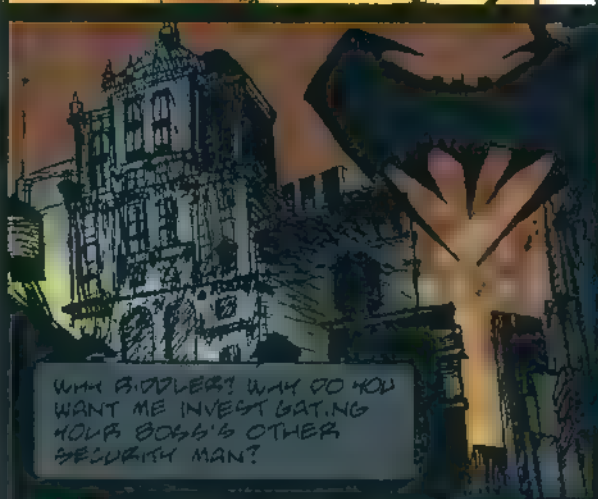
THE RABBLE
THIS IS WHAT THEY DO IF YOU LET THEM.
THEY EXPLOIT TELEVISION AND PUBLIC OPINION, THEY BRING YOUR VAST DESIGNS CRASHING DOWN...
JUST AS THEY BROUGHT DOWN OUR WALL.
TURN OFF THAT JUNGLE MUSIC!
NO, NOT JUNGLE. IS JAZZ! IS CHARLES MINGUS!
WITH ERIC DOLPHY!
IT IS RABBLE MUSIC. IT WILL WEAKEN US.
YOU LET THESE SQUATTERS UPSET YOU TOO MUCH. WE CAN HANDLE THIS KIND!
YES, WE CAN HANDLE THEM... WITH DECISIVE ACTION.
AND WITH TELEVISION.

NOW SILENCE THAT MUSIC AND LISTEN.
WE HAVE A DUTY TO PERFORM.
AH, YES. DUTY.
AND WHILE THE DUTCHBOY PLUGGED THE DYKE, WHO WATCHED HIS TULIP PATCH, hm?
heh heh heh
WHAT IS IT, COMMISSIONER?
A NOTE, BATMAN. A VERY FAMILIAR SORT OF NOTE.
"THE GERMAN'S GOING OUT TONIGHT, BUT HE CAN'T GET THE SITTER, BECAUSE SHE'S TOO HIGH. WHO DOES HE GET?"
THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.
WAIT, BATMAN.
I HAVE TO ASK YOU... WHY WERE YOU WITH THOSE SQUATTERS? THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KNOW.

I... I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT.
WHAT PEOPLE?
THEN I CAN'T TELL YOU EITHER, JIM.
GOOD NIGHT.
KYRES
THE GERMAN IS GOING OUT TONIGHT BUT HE CAN'T GET A SITTER BECAUSE SHE'S TOO HIGH."
"WHO DOES HE GET?"
THEY'RE SAYING WE BLEW IT UP? TAPPING A GAS LINE?
WE GOT TO GET OUR OWN CONSULTANT ON THIS.
HE GETS THE SQUATTER.
OKAY... I GOT SOME NUMBERS IN THE OTHER OFFICE
OOOOH, MADRE, MY BACK IS SHOT.
GAY
YOU GIMME YA KEYS, I'LL GETCHA STUFF.


AH, ALONSO. I'D BE DEAD WITHOUT YOU, MAN.

PICKING UP AUDIBLE ACTIVITY AT DOORWAY. ALL UNITS CHECK INFRA-RED.


WHY BIDDLER? WHY DO YOU WANT ME INVESTIGATING YOUR BOSS'S OTHER SECURITY MAN?

WHAT'S THE GAME, BIDDLER? WHAT ARE YOU HOPING I'LL DO?
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WE'LL BE OKAY, SHONDRA. WE'LL HANG IN THROUGH THIS, YEAH?
JUST LET'S GET A LITTLE REST...

JUST A LITTLE...

SEIJI-- VIDEOTAPE?
RUNNING. IMAGE CLEAR.

KLIK

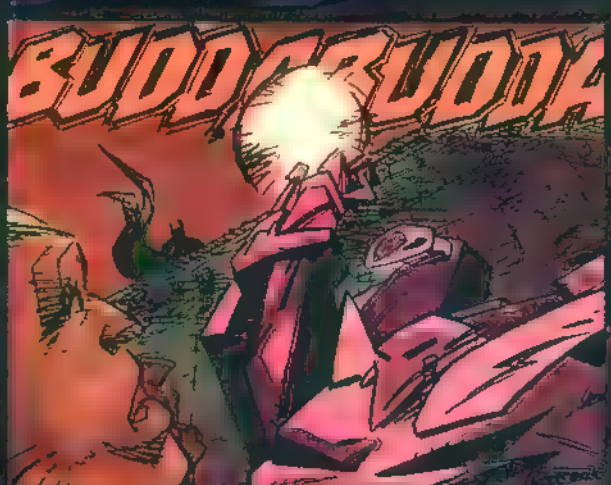
CLOSED-CIRCUIT SYSTEMS CLEAR. NO SOUND LEAK.
SSSS CLIFFORD BROWN QUARTET.
ALL TOGETHER... ON THREE.
ICHI... NI... SAN...
AND NOW...WE ARE READY!
thnk
WHOOM

ALONSO!
ALONSO!
OH, DEAR GOD-- OH, DEAR GOD--
NOW!
FREEZE!
ROBERTA CIFUENTES-- YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!

WHAT--?
YOU'RE CRAZY!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
LET HER GO!
IT'S A FRAME, MAN!

DROP HER, MAN! DROP HER OR--
IF THIS IS A GAME, RIDDLER, YOU'VE PLAYED IT WELL.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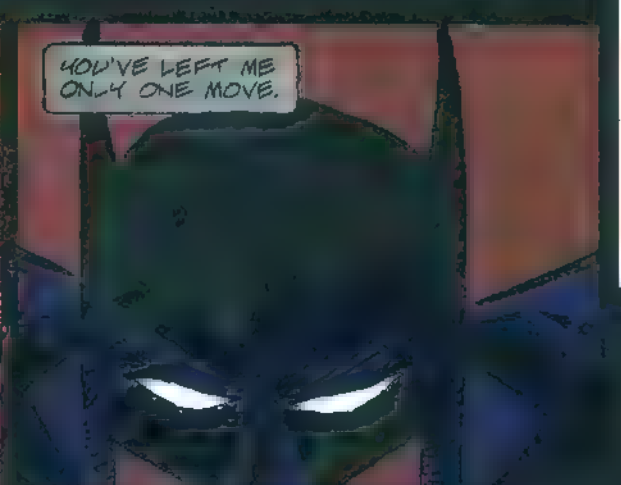
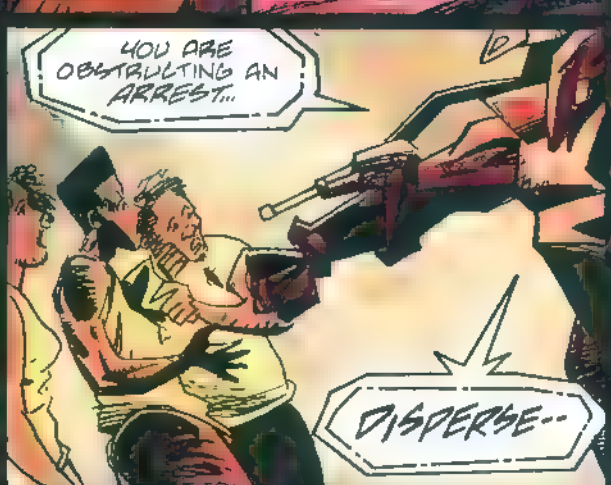
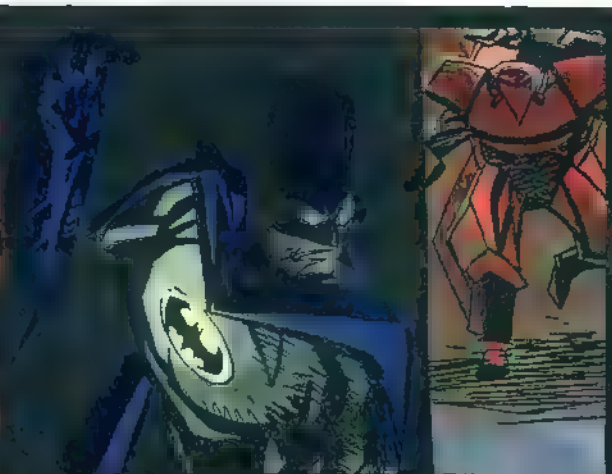

YOU'VE LEFT ME ONLY ONE MOVE.


YOU ARE OBSTRUCTING AN ARREST...
DISPERSE--

--OR WE WILL BE COMPELLED TO USE--

FWANG
THNOK
BUDDABUDDABUDD

TAK TAK TAK TAK

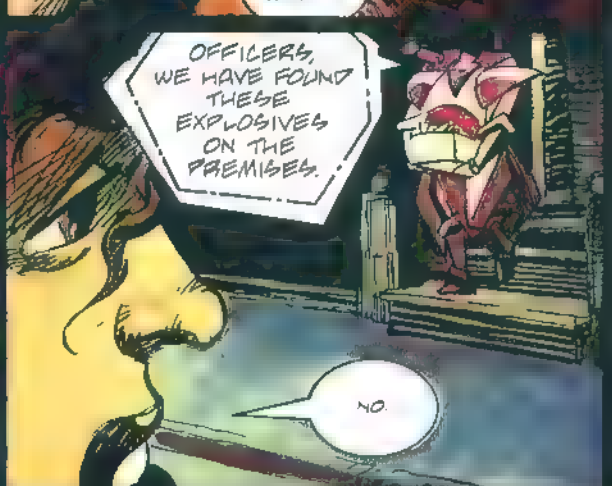


FREEZE!
POLICE!

GOOD TIMING. THESE MEN ARE FIRING MACHINE GUNS AND ABDUCTING--
WE ARE ARRESTING THIS WOMAN FOR POSSESSION OF EXPLOSIVES, OFFICERS.

AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE TO OUR RADIO-CALL.
YOUR... WHAT?

YOU SAYING I BLEW UP MY OWN CAR? THAT I KILLED MY OWN--


OFFICERS, WE HAVE FOUND THESE EXPLOSIVES ON THE PREMISES.
NO.

IT'S A PLANT!
DON'T RESIST, MS. CIFUENTES. IF YOU ARE INNOCENT YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.
ARE YOU NUTS? OR JUST A LIAR? DON'T YOU KNOW HOW THE WORLD RUNS? DON'T YOU KNOW WHO RUNS IT?
COME ON, CHICKY, COME ON.
MS. CIFUENTES, IF YOU ARE INNOCENT...
...I WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.
DISPERSE! DISPERSE!
IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO OBSTRUCT JUSTICE, BATMAN...
THAT DEPENDS WHOSE JUSTICE?
THE ONLY JUSTICE...IS THE GOOD OF THE SYSTEM. NOW, ARE YOU A FRIEND OF THESE CRIMINALS..
OR MERELY UPSET TO SEE A SUPERIOR FORCE STEALING YOUR SPOTLIGHT?
MAYBE YOU'D BETTER MOVE ALONG, BATMAN. THIS IS A POLICE MATTER NOW.
A POLICE MATTER.

SATORU. YOU FIRED OUT OF TURN, AGAIN.
BUT--BUT BATMAN WAS--
WE MUST BE VICTIMS OF AGGRESSION. FOR PUBLIC SYMPATHY.
I MUST TEACH YOU TO BE A BETTER VICTIM.
...EXPLOSIVES USED FOR ALLEGED TERRORISM AT THE NEW GOTHAM SITE. OLMSTEDT STATED THAT BATMAN'S INTERVENTION REMAINS A MYSTERY, BUT PROMISED TO...
SNAP
COMMISSIONER.
OLMSTEDT. HE HAS A DEAL WITH YOUR MEN, DOESN'T HE?
DOESN'T HE?
BATMAN I CAN'T--

BATMAN, I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO MAKE ANY...
HELL.
THEY'VE BEEN DEPUTIZED.
THEY'RE THE OFFICIAL LAW-ENFORCEMENT UNIT... FOR THE WHOLE AREA THAT'LL BE NEW GOTHAM.
DO YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE? DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE EMBRACING?
I KNOW... SOME.
I KNOW THAT DONNA D'FORZA PACKS A LOT OF PUNCH IN THIS CITY'S GOVERNMENT. AND UNTIL I KNOW THAT OLMSTEDT IS A PROBLEM...
YOU WILL. IF I CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
BUT THE LINE'S MOVING IN ON YOU NOW.
WATCH YOURSELF, BATMAN.
I LET YOU FUNCTION IN THIS CITY AS LONG AS YOU NEVER CROSS THE LINE.

THERE IS NO MORE SIGN OF THEM THAT NIGHT.
OR THE NEXT.
ON THE THIRD NIGHT, I FOLLOW THE SOUND OF GUNFIRE...
BUDDABUDDABUDDAB
ONE ALONE. NOT OLMSTEDT
OPENING HOLES, LETTING IN THE RAIN, LETTING THE TIMBERS ROT. IT'S AN OLD TRICK TO GET A BUILDING CONDEMNED.
NO HESITATION.
SHUMP
HYAHH!
THIS TIME I ALLOW MYSELF NO CONFUSION

SHAKETAKHAKETA
BUDDABUDDAB
HALT! HALT!
THIS TIME I DRAW HIS FIRE...
--HAYEEEEEEEEEE

HE'LL DIG IN. GOOD.
I PREFER HIM HERE
HE'LL HESITATE TO USE HIS GUNS FOR A WHILE.
AND I'LL BE READY. SMALL EXPLOSIVES ON THE BOOMERANG, MEASURED AGAINST THE APPARENT STRENGTH OF THEIR ARMOR.
...JUST ENOUGH TO STAGGER HIM.
NOT ENOUGH TO CAUSE INJURY...

AND A SMOKE BOMB...
WHOM
...JUST TO JAM HIS SENSORS. DRY HIS AIR.
WHOM
ONE MORE.
ONE MORE TO MAKE HIM PULL OFF HIS HELMET.
JUST ONE MORE
WHOM

SKRAAK
AAAAAH!

I MEASURED THE CHARGE.
NOT ENOUGH TO CAUSE INJURY. I MEASURED THE CHARGE.
NOT ENOUGH TO CAUSE INJURY. NOT ENOUGH TO KILL. I MEASURED THE CHARGE
BECAUSE BATMAN NEVER KILLS

OH DEAR DEAR
AND HE'S ALWAYS SO CLEVER WHEN HE TANGLES WITH ME.
WELL, PERHAPS I CHALLENGE HIM INTO RISING TO HIS TRUE LEVEL.
AFTER ALL
IT WORKS THE OTHER WAY, DOESN'T IT?
RIDDLER!
THOSE SHARKS ARE STILL THERE.
OF COURSE THEY ARE, MIZ D THE CREATURES WHO PREY TOGETHER STAY TOGETHER
NATURALLY YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE LADY WHO WORE ARMOR TO KEEP THE SHARKS AT BAY.. SHE SANK STRAIGHT TO THE BOTTOM.
THAT'S IT, RIDDLER. YOU'RE FINISHED WITH THIS FIRM.
I'M SUMMONING FRITZ DUMSTEDT AND HAVING HIM EJECT YOU FROM THE TOWER IMMEDIATELY YOUR PROPERTY WILL BE SENT TO YOU
OH MIZ D.. YOU MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT THE BUTTON YOU'RE PRESSING YOU'LL FIND IT ISN'T THE ALARM FOR...
FORGET IT, RIDDLER I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR GAMES.
BZZZZ

WHOOP!
DONK
DONK
BONK
WOOSH
AH, MIZ D, MIZ D. WE'VE ONLY BEGUN PLAYING OUR GAMES.
MY, MY. THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN!
MAJESTIC

To Philip Sand, who made this project possible.
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